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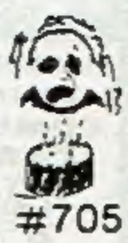

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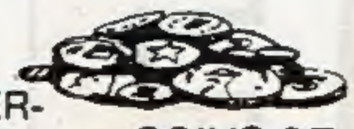

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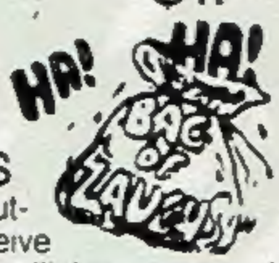

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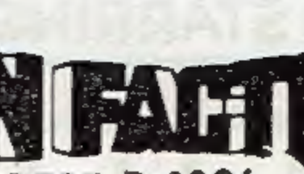

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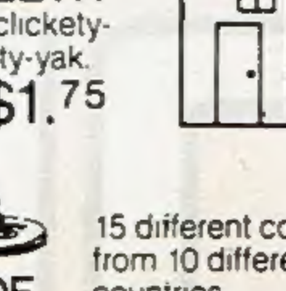

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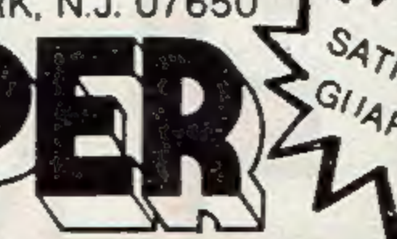

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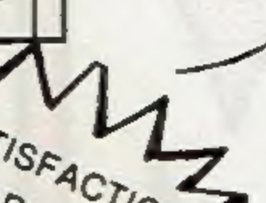

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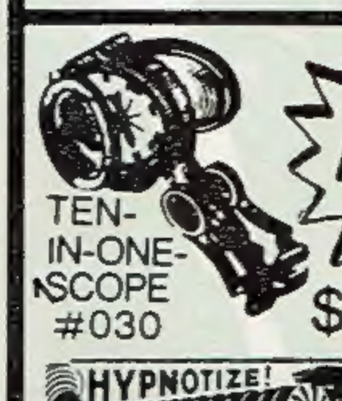

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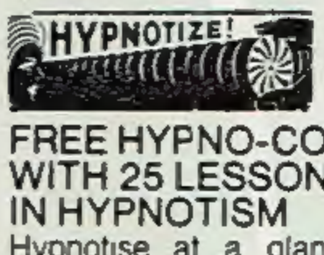

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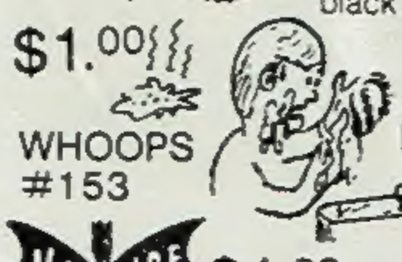

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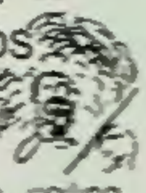

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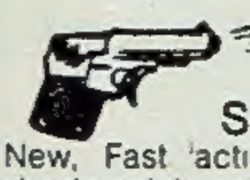

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CODE NAME: gravdigger

WE *MISSED!* WE TRACKED VON KING HALFWAY ACROSS THE *DESERT* TO GRAB *DEFENSE PACKET 6*--

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IS HE *DAFT?* HE WAS HELPING US BURY THESE GERMAN BLIGHTERS AND HE SUDDENLY BREAKS--

--FOR THE *RIVER!* HE'S GOING TO *JUMP IN!*

BUT BEFORE THE BRITISH COMMANDOS CAN STOP HIM...

IT'S *GOT* TO BE HERE-- WE'VE ONLY BEEN ON BURIAL DETAIL FOR A *FEW MINUTES*-- NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR IT TO HAVE GOTTEN TOO *FAR*...

TENSE MINUTES PASS... THEN...

BLAST! IT'S *GOT* TO BE NEARBY--!

CAP'N! THIS IS NO TIME FOR A DIP!

I'M NOT DOING THIS FOR MY *HEALTH,* KEATS-- I'M LOOKING FOR DEFENSE PACKET 6!

VON KING DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO GET IT *ANYWHERE* EXCEPT TO SOMEONE ON THE *RIVER*...

COME *ON,* CAP'N... WE WOULD HAVE *SEEN* A SHIP...

NO, NOT THE KIND *I'M* THINKING ABOUT--

I HEARD OF THE GERMANS WORKING ON SOMETHING *NEW*-- A...

SUBMARINE!

WHAT?

SUBMARINES ARE HARDLY *NEW*, CAPTAIN--AND I DOUBT IF YOU'RE GOING TO FIND ONE IN THE *NILE RIVER*...

I'M GOING TO USE THIS TRUCK'S *RADIO*--SEE IF I CAN ESTABLISH A RADIO LINK TO *LONDON!*

IT'S A *MINI-SUB*--

THAT'S WHAT THE GERMANS HAVE BEEN TRYING TO PERFECT--AND I'M BETTING THEY *USED ONE RIGHT HERE!*

WE AIN'T GOT TIME TO *ARGUE*, SMITH--!

GET *OUT* OF THERE--WE'RE GOING *SUB-CHASING!*

MATE! MATE! SMITH'S *RIGHT!* WE 'AVE TO RADIO *LONDON* FOR NEW INSTRUCTIONS!

WE *HAVE* OUR ORDERS--*GET DEFENSE PACKET 6!*

YOU CAN GO AHEAD AND *CALL* THE BRASS IN LONDONTOWN IF YOU WANT TO; BUT YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT *ON THE RUN!*

VERY WELL, BUT I *STILL* THINK YOU'RE TOO SURE OF YOUR SUB THEORY!

1942 IN *LONDON*--MOST OF THE MOST DEVASTATING AERIAL ATTACKS HAVE PASSED...BUT THE BRITISH CAPITAL STANDS EVER-PREPARED FOR FUTURE THREATS...

COLONEL BIRCH! WE'RE RECEIVING A SCRAMBLED RADIO MESSAGE FROM THE *DESERT OPERATIVES!*

FAR BELOW THE CITY--IN A SECRET UNDERGROUND BUNKER, A CRIPPLED BRITISH MILITARY GENIUS EAGERLY GRABS FOR A MICROPHONE...

GIVE ME THAT, SOLDIER!

I'VE *DONE IT*--I'VE ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH COLONEL BIRCH IN LONDON!

SWELL...

WHAT'S *THAT..?*

BLAMMMM

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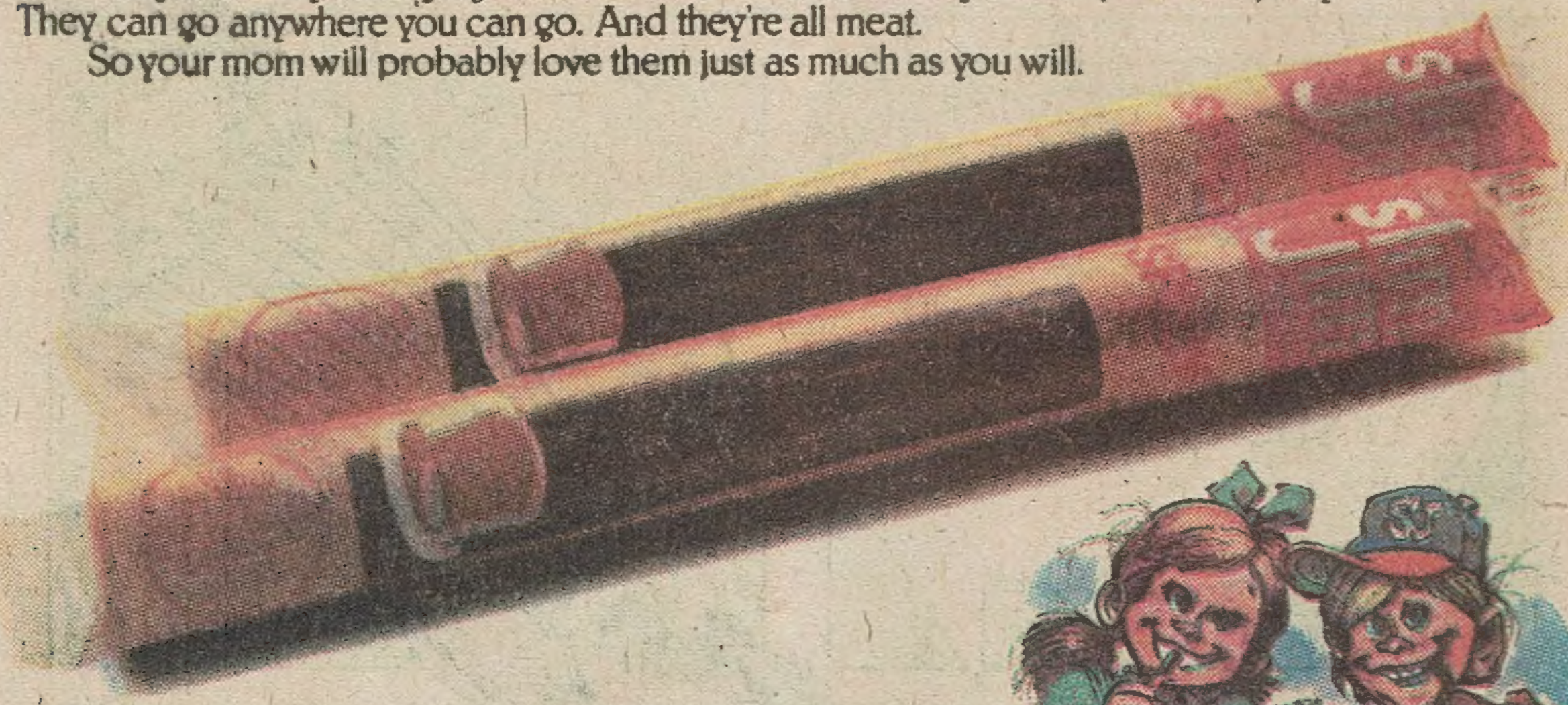

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BLAM BLAM BLAM

KEEP US *COVERED!*

I'VE TOLD THE COLONEL OF YOUR *THEORY*, CAPTAIN...

HE-HE SAYS WE'RE TO FOLLOW *YOUR ORDERS*-- AND YOUR UNDERSECRETARY *AGREES!*

GOOD OLD *UNDERSECRETARY* --HE'D LIKE TO SEE ME GET MY *HIDE BLASTED!*

AND HE JUST MIGHT GET HIS WISH!

OKAY--SINCE I'M OFFICIALLY IN *CHARGE* NOW, I GUESS IT'S UP TO *ME* TO GET US *OUT* OF THIS LITTLE FIX!

I OWE THOSE GERMAN MADMEN SOME GOOD OLD-FASHIONED *TRICKERY*--

--I'LL PAY 'EM *BACK* FOR THIS *BROKEN NOSE*-- AND MY *TOMBSTONE SCAR!*

ABANDON SHIP!

WE'RE GOING TO BE READY FOR THEM NOW!

KEEP *DOWN!* I'M BETTING THEY'LL FOLLOW OUR TREADS AND COME OVER THAT DUNE ANY SECOND--

--AND THAT'LL BE THE *LAST MOVE THEY MAKE!*

SILENTLY THE FOURSOME WAITS... THE CLANKING OF THEIR PURSUERS' TANK CAUSING *CHILLS* OF ANTICIPATION TO RACE THROUGH THEIR BODIES DESPITE THE DESERT HEAT...

BUT EVEN AS THE GERMANS IN THE TIGER TANK EAGERLY SEEK THE DEATH OF GRAVEDIGGER AND HIS COMMANDO ALLIES... *OTHERS* PLOT HIS DESTRUCTION AS WELL--IN *BERLIN*--THE NAZI HIGH COMMAND'S STRONGHOLD...

EXCELLENT, HERR DOCTOR! YOUR PROGRESS HAS PROVED AMAZING!

THANK YOU, HERR GOEBBELS...

SOMEWHERE IN THE ANCIENT CITY--TWO MEN OBSERVE THE RESULTS OF A FORBIDDEN EXPERIMENT...

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THE RESEARCH WILL BEAR FRUIT *VERY SOON* NOW...

YESSSS... AND THEN THE ALLIES' AGENT... THIS... THIS *GRAVEDIGGER*-- WILL BE THE FIRST TO FALL!

AT LAST REPORT, GRAVEDIGGER WAS TRACKING *VON KING* AND *DEFENSE PACKET 6**-- BUT WE'VE HAD NO REPORTS FOR MANY HOURS AND DO NOT KNOW IF THE PACKET'S TRANSFER WAS COMPLETED--

--UNLESS WE HEAR *DIFFERENTLY*, WE MUST ASSUME GRAVEDIGGER IS *STILL ALIVE*-- AND HE SHALL BE OUR *TARGET!*

*LAST ISH.- *PAUL*

BUT AT THAT INSTANT--HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY--GRAVEDIGGER IS CONCENTRATING ON A TARGET OF HIS *OWN*...

NOW! THEY STILL THINK WE'RE IN THE TROOP CARRIER!

FIRE! DON'T THESE BOYS KNOW THEY SHOULD KEEP THEIR *DOORS LOCKED?* THERE'S A *WAR* GOING ON!

BLAM

DIVE!

KA-BLAMM

GREAT TEAMWORK, MATES, WE--

GOOD GLORY!

I WAS *RIGHT!*

THERE 'E *GOES* AGAIN-- INTO THE DRINK!

FOR THE BRIEFEST INSTANT, THE WATERS ARE A SOOTHING AND COOL RELIEF FROM THE BURNING DESERT--BUT THE RELIEF IS QUICKLY FORGOTTEN WHEN THE BUSINESS OF *WAR* IS REMEMBERED...

THE MINI-SUB! I SAW THAT LINE OF BUBBLES ON THE SURFACE-- KNEW IT WAS TOO EVEN TO BE A FISH!

THAT PILOT'S PANICKY--DIDN'T EXPECT ANYONE TO DISCOVER HIM-- HE'S TRYING TO BLAST A SINGLE SOLDIER OUT OF THE WATER WITH A GIANT TORPEDO--

--GOOD LORD!

HIS ARMS FEELING AS IF THEY WERE MADE OF LEAD, GRAVEDIGGER FIGHTS TO THE SURFACE AND...

GET DOWN! SCATTER!

WOT-??

YOU'RE BEING TORPEDOED! HIT THE DECK!

KNIFING THROUGH THE SAND, THE WEAPON OF DEATH *FINDS* ITS UNLIKELY MARK--!

KRROOMMMM

DARNEL! GIVE ME YOUR DIRK! HURRY!

THE BLIGHTER WAS RIGHT-- THERE IS A SUBMARINE DOWN THERE!

AND THE MANIAC IS GOING BACK DOWN AFTER IT! CAPTAIN! WAIT!

NO TIME-- AND HE ONLY HAD THE ONE TORPEDO!

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THEY PAID OUR RANSOMS, MR. FOXX.

NOW LET US GO.

NO, NO, MY TALENTED FRIENDS! AS THE CITY'S MOST INFAMOUS GOURMET, THIS OLD FOXX WOULD MISS YOUR CULINARY MASTERPIECES.

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A LITTLE LATER...

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I'M JUST LUCKY THAT THING IS EXPERIMENTAL, THE *PILOT'S* HAVING TROUBLE *STEERING!*

IT JUST MIGHT GIVE ME THE SECONDS I *NEED!*

FIRST THING TO DO IS--

--*STOP HIM!*

SUNK

LUNGS *BURSTING*... BUT *HAVE* TO JAM HIM *GOOD*-- FORCE HIM TO *SURFACE*...

THERE... NOW IF I CAN USE THIS KNIFE TO BREAK OPEN HIS *CANOPY*...

BUT GRAVEDIGGER HAS UNDERESTIMATED THE *POWER* OF THE *MINI-SUB*... AND AS THE FRIGHTENED PILOT *GUNS* HIS ENGINE--!

THE ROPE-- ENTANGLING *ME!*

WHIRRRRRRRRRRR

HAVE...TO REACH THE SURFACE... DRAGGING ME *UNDER*...!

SOMETHING'S GOING *ON* DOWN THERE--AND I'M GOING TO *'ELP* THAT BLIGHTER!

WE'RE *WITH* YOU!

THERE *HE IS!*

PULLING ME...

UNNNNN!

GOT A LUNGFUL OF *AIR* JUST THEN--I HOPE IT LASTS--

WAIT!

CAN'T *SEE* CLEARLY IN THIS *MURKY* WATER--BUT THAT PILOT--HE'S...HE'S CLUTCHING A HANDFUL OF *PAPERS*--

--AND I'M BETTING MY SCARRED FACE AND BROKEN NOSE THAT IT'S THE CONTENTS OF *DEFENSE PACKET 6!*

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IT'S *CRACKING*--!

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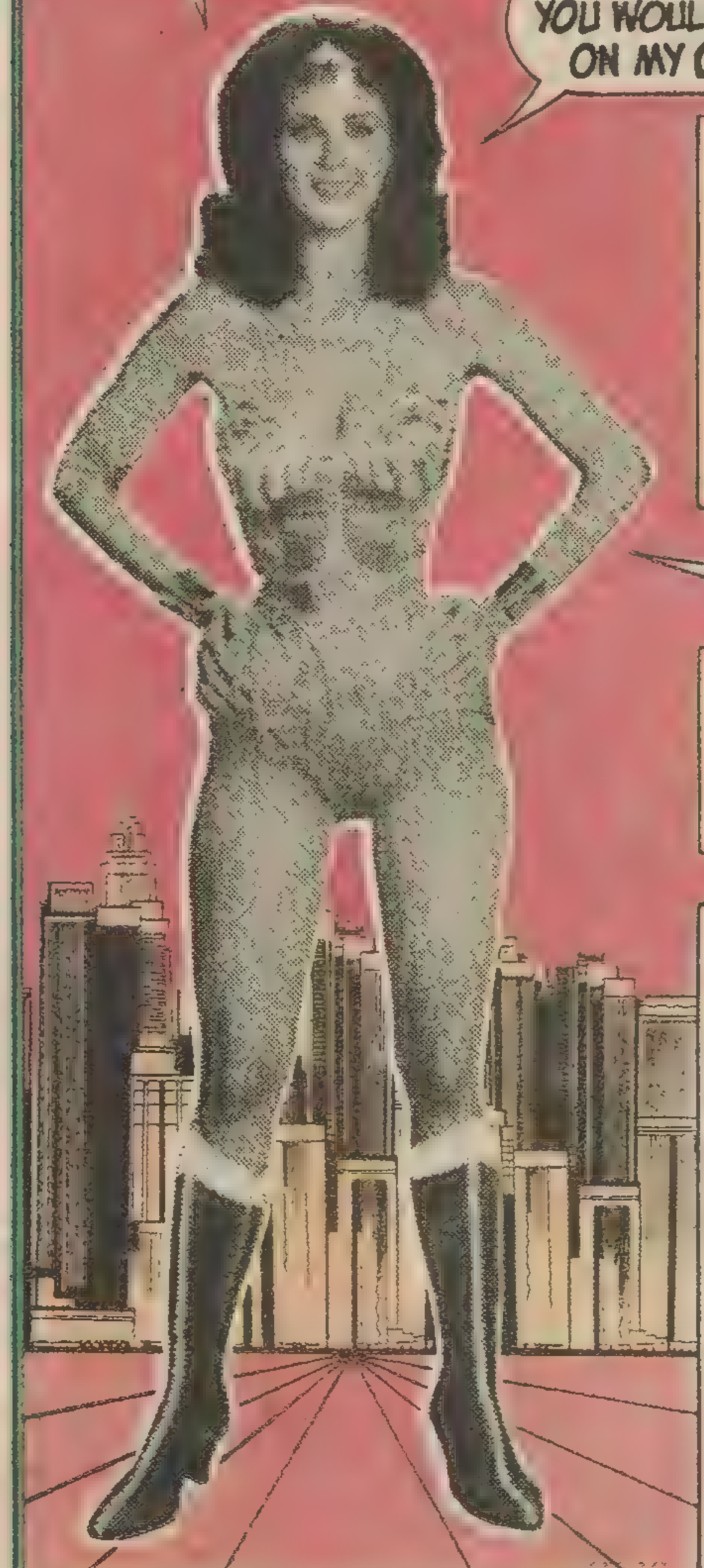

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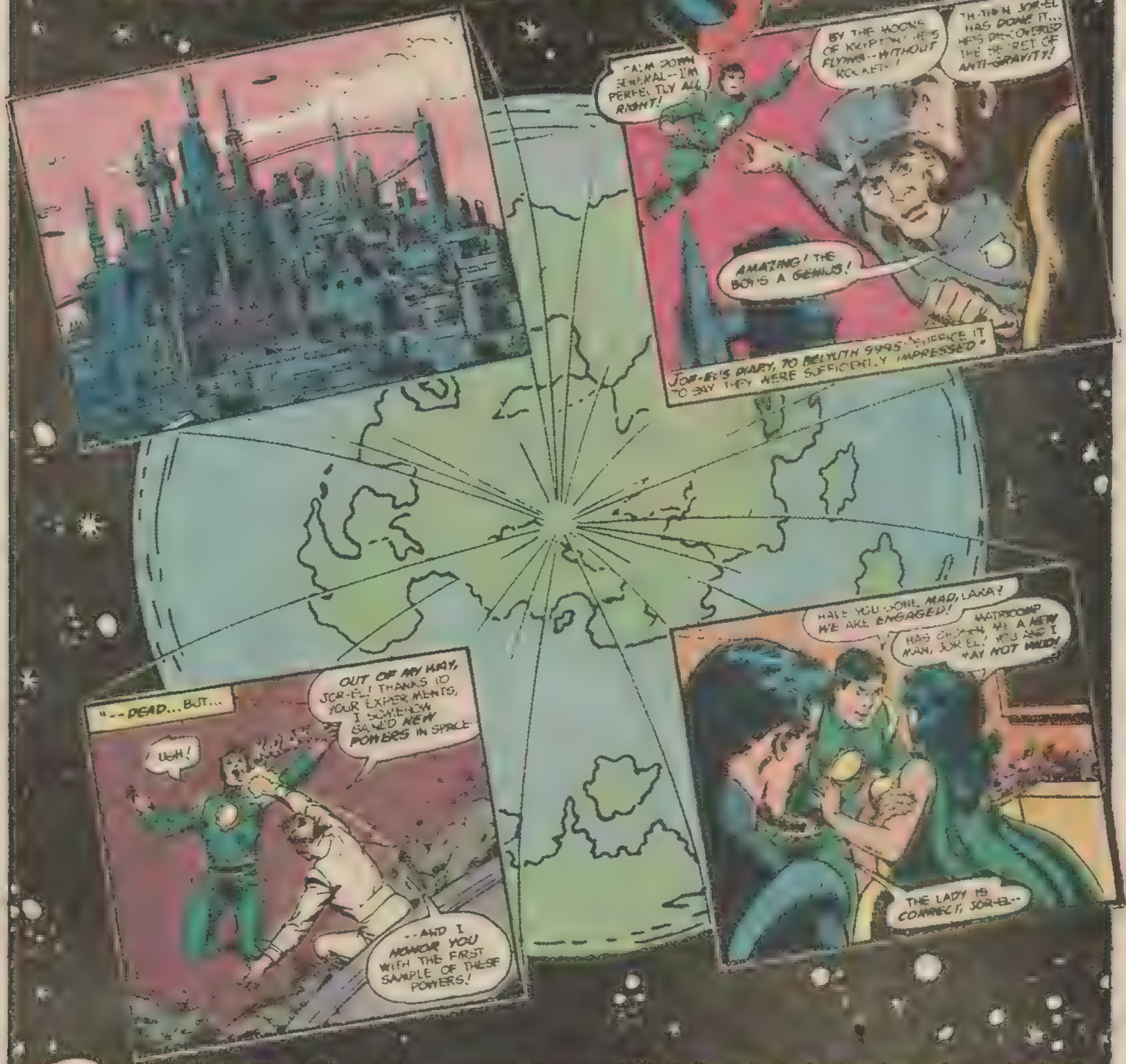
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Dear Paul,

Re: *Men of War* #12; let me remind you of the reason that I purchase your book. I greatly admire the work of Kanigher and make it a point to buy any book that has his by-line. Of late, your book has been a double treat as RK has been teamed with another incredible talent: Chaykin. I also am a fan of Grandenetti's but passed up issue eleven because of my dislike of the book's lead feature

This brings up a question I have had for some time. How do you and your fellow editors decide how one feature is drawing in an anthology? How do you decide which feature to continue and which to drop?

In response to the questions you ask on the letters page I am unable to answer the first because of the way you have worded it. In answer to the second I say that the present line-up is not perfect. I would rather see your new spy-series, mentioned in *The Comic Journal*, rotating with *Enemy Ace* and *Dateline:Frontline*.

Robin Snyder
205 N. Eola #5
Orlando, Fla. 32801

The process of deciding what to include in a magazine varies from editor to editor, which is what gives the different magazines their different characters. But basically, it always amounts to using your judgment to consider reader reactions (as expressed in the form of sales, letters and personal contacts at conventions), the direction a series is progressing in, and the possibilities of improvement...along with pragmatic deadline problems.

For example, **Rosa** *appeared in this issue because Cary Burkett was busy playing Professor Henry Higgins in summer stock, and couldn't get us a new* **Dateline:Frontline** *tale in time. So we turned to old friend Paul Kupperberg to pinch-hit with a two-parter. The results have far exceeded our expectations, and now we await your reactions.*

Meanwhile, future plans call for a two-part **Enemy Ace** *story in #19 and 20, and then a three-part* **Dateline:Frontline** *(which already rests safely in our files, thanks to the Professor's timely return).—PL.*

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Dear Paul,

It's hard to believe. *Gravedigger* is finally getting to work with Major Birch, after all. I was wondering if you'd ever pull together the free-floating threads of your story.

Why don't you try and get this magazine to read more like the *Unknown Soldier* with tight complete stories in almost every issue? I'm really getting bored by ever-ongoing stories.

Seth Hammond
Roanoke, Va.

We think it's important to keep a stylistic difference between our war titles, since the themes that the two magazines deal with are by definition so similar. Still, we'd be willing to move towards more complete stories if enough readers prefered it. What say you, folks?—PL.

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Dear Paul,

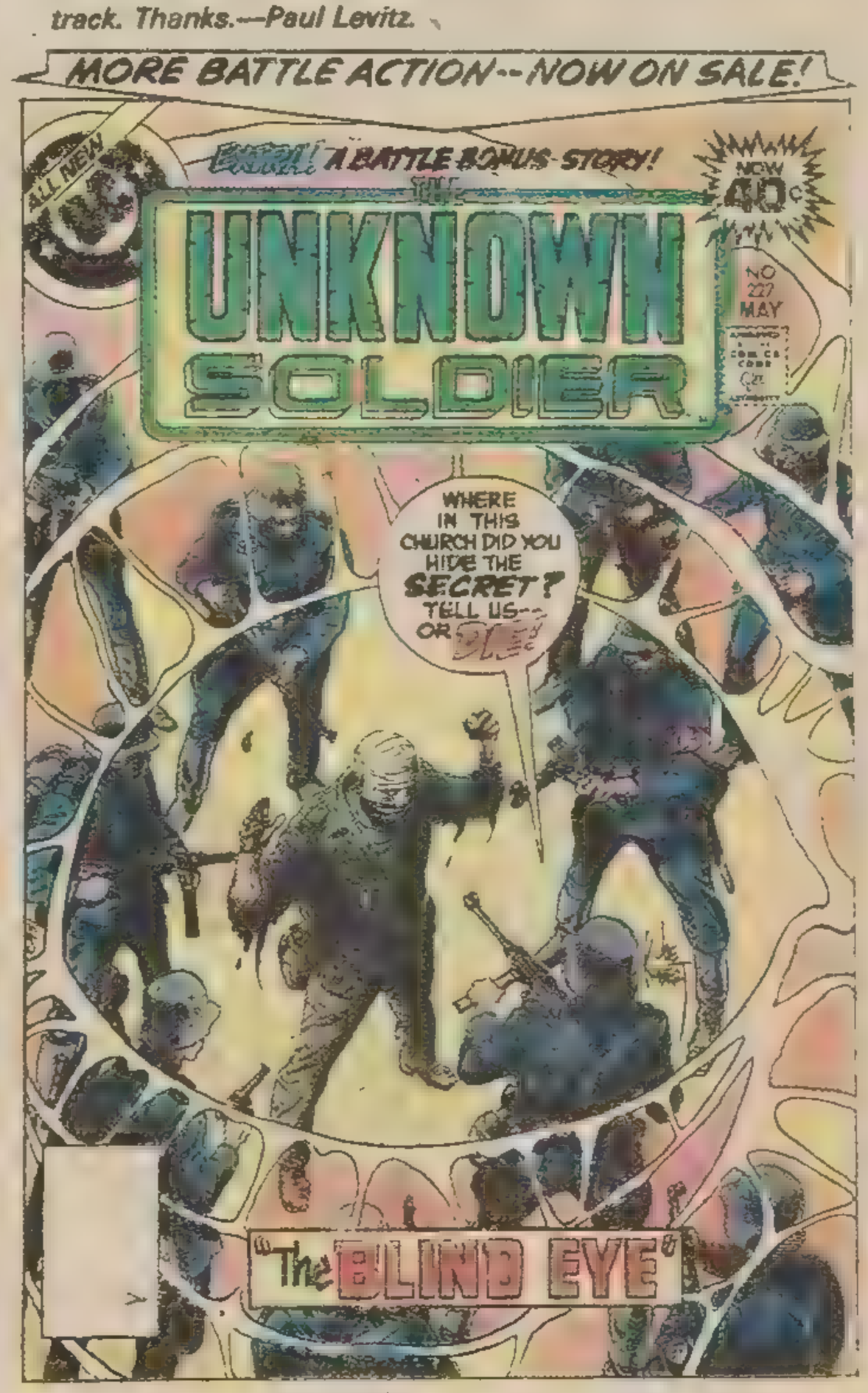
Would you consider the possibility of adding a new back-up to *MEN OF WAR* that broke all the rules for war comics? As far as I know, there hasn't been a regular series in war comics that's dealt with the Viet Nam war and the peculiar problems that G.I.s had to face in the conflict. Since 'Nam is a recent war (compared to WW2) it might, naturally, ruffle some feathers. but what do you want,peace and quiet in war?

Larry Nasham
No Address Given

Way back when the war in Viet Nam was just getting heated up, Bob Kanigher did a series about a character called Lt Hunter, which took place in Viet Nam, so we can hardly claim first place in that race. Still, it is an interesting idea, and we're open to the possibility. Would you like to see it replace **Enemy Ace** *or* **Dateline:Frontline**, *readers?—PL.*

* * * * *

We're reaching the end of the mail file, and having asked you enough questions for one month, we'd like to close with a final thought. It seems that war comics never get as much mail as the super-hero titles, and that's rather depressing. If you enjoy this title (and there are literally thousands of you who do, judging by the sales figures), please drop us a note every now and then. We need your comments and criticism to keep us on track. Thanks.—Paul Levitz.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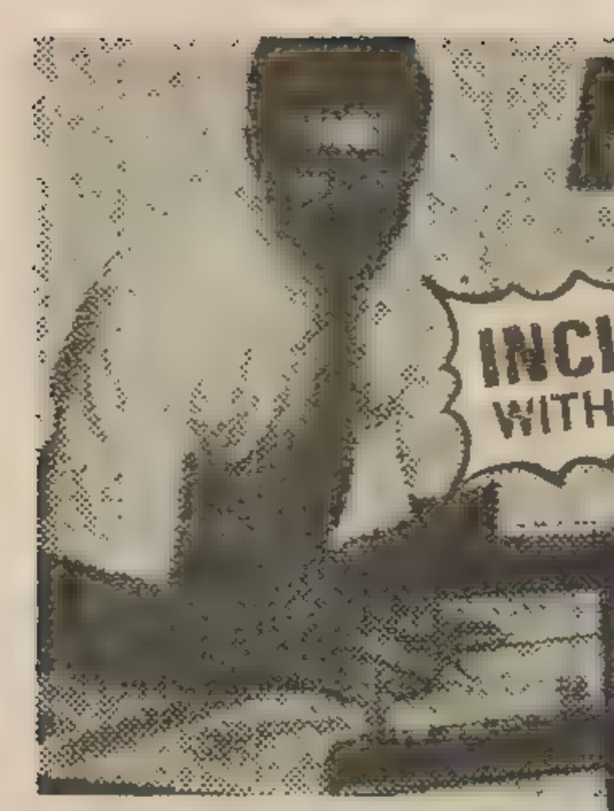

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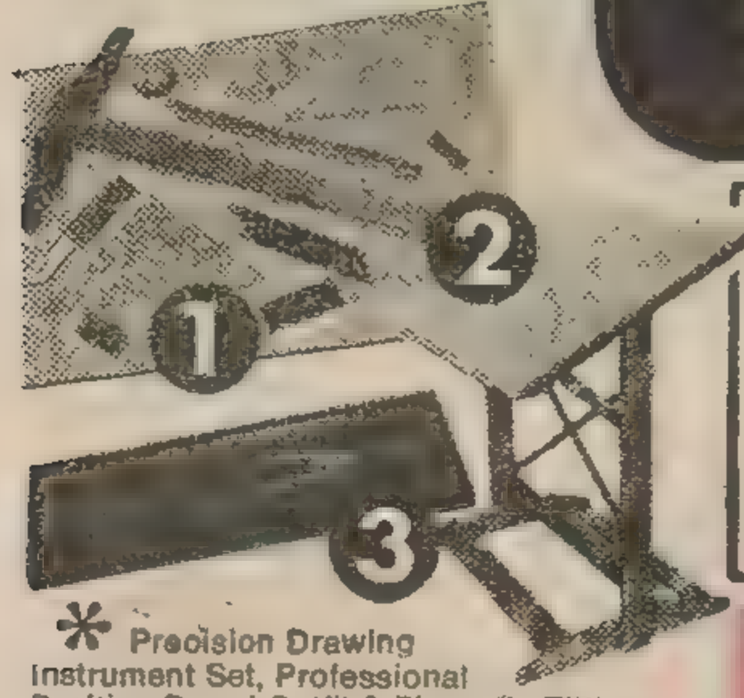

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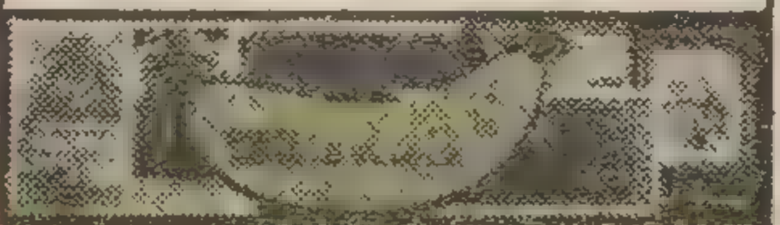

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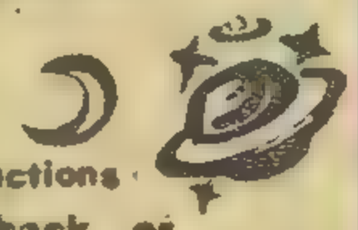

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ROFA

MASTER-SPY

THE CASTLE RHINEHART AFFAIR

BERLIN, GERMANY. JANUARY 7, 1870:

CASTLE RHINEHART SITS PLACIDLY AMONGST THE TOWERING OAKS OF THIS *BERLIN* FOREST... A *CENTURIES-OLD FORTRESS* WHOSE STONE WALLS HAVE YET TO BE *BREACHED* IN TIMES OF *WAR*--

--UNTIL THIS DAY...

CARAMBA! IT WOULD NOT DO TO BE SPOTTED EVEN *BEFORE* THE GAME BEGINS!

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PAUL LEVITZ
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THERE IS NO MOON THIS DARK, WINTRY NIGHT. EVEN SO, THE *SHADOWY FORM* DOES *NOT* ENTER CASTLE RHINEHART--

--UNSEEN!

YET EVEN AS THE COACH NEARS THE WROUGHT-IRON *GATES* OF THE ANCIENT FORTRESS, ITS *OCCUPANT* DOES NOT MOVE TO RAISE AN *ALARM* OF THE *INTRUSION*...

BUT THE *MAN OF SHADOWS* WOULD NEED NOT FEAR *ANY* KNOWLEDGE OF HIS *PRESENCE*.

FOR THE *DISPATCHING* OF AN ENEMY-- IS AS *SIMPLE* AS A *FLICK* OF THE WRIST FOR THIS *EBON-GARBED* INTRUDER...

SNAP!

HUNK!

VAS IS LOS?

NO, NO, MI AMIGO! BULLETS MIGHT *ATTRACT* YOUR COMRADES.

PERHAPS A WHIFF OF *ETHER* WILL CALM YOU--

UUUHHHHH...

PHHFFFTTT!

--SO ROSA MAY CONTINUE ON HIS WAY, OUI?

MUY BIEN! THE FRENCHMAN'S *INFORMATION* WAS CORRECT-- CASTLE RHINEHART IS *EMPTY* OF GERMAN TROOPS EXCEPT FOR A *SKELETON* GUARD FORCE--

PARIS, FRANCE. JANUARY 1, 1870

--WHICH LEAVES ME CLEAR TO COMPLETE MY *MISSION*...

MONSIEUR ROSA...?

OUI, MONSIEUR BLEU. HOW MAY I HELP YOU?

HOW *ELSE*, MONSIEUR? MY GOVERNMENT WISHES TO MAKE USE OF YOUR... *UNIQUE* TALENTS--

--TO *KILL* THIS MAN... *BARON RHINEHART*, CHIEF *ADVISOR* TO CHANCELLOR *BISMARCK* OF *RUSSIA* IN THIS ACCURSED WAR BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES!

SOMEONE HAS BEEN LEAKING SECRET *WAR PLANS* TO RHINEHART. HIS *DEATH* WILL *END* THE LEAK UNTIL WE *UNCOVER* THE *TRAITOR!* YOU ARE THE *ONLY* AGENT I TRUST TO SEND IN THERE!

AND MY *FEE*, MEIN HERR?

THE *APPROPRIATE* SUM WILL BE DEPOSITED IN A NUMBERED SWISS ACCOUNT TOMORROW, MONSIEUR.

THEN, SHALL WE DISCUSS THE *DETAILS*, SEÑOR?

LIKE THE *SPIDER* ON ITS WEB, THE MAN CALLED *ROSA* SCALES COLD STONE WALLS...

AHH! THE *QUARRY* SETS HIMSELF IN *MY SIGHTS*--

--BUT I SHALL ALLOW HIM *THIS* TIME TO ESCAPE *UNSCATHED*, FOR THE MOMENT HAS NOT YET COME FOR BARON RHINEHART'S DEMISE--

--BUT *YOU* MAY NOT FARE AS *WELL*, MON AMI!

DO NOT WASTE YOUR BREATH ON *TALK*, SEÑOR--

GOTT IN HIMMEL!

W-WHAT ARE YOU DOI...!?

--*NOT* WHEN THERE IS *SWORDPLAY* TO BE HAD!

ARROGANT PIG! I WILL SHOW YOU THE *PENALTY* FOR INVADING CASTLE RHINEHART-- *DEATH!*

NO *MORTE* THIS DAY, MONSIEUR--

--UNLESS, OF COURSE--

CLANG!

--THE DEATH YOU REFER TO--

TWANG!

--IS *YOUR* OWN!

THUK!

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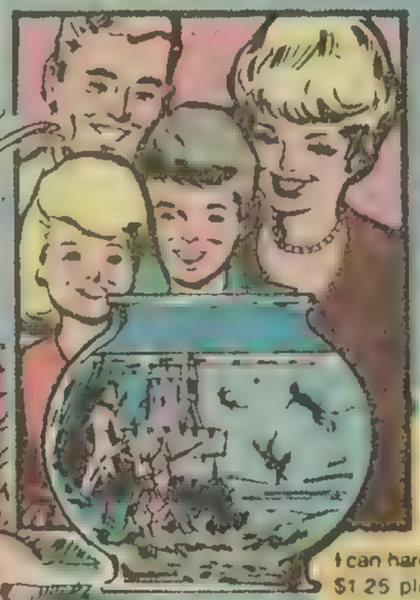

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-- FOR *I* SHALL TAKE YOUR *PLACE*!

EXPERIENCED HANDS *MOVE DEFTLY*, APPLYING *GREASE-PAINTS* AND *DYES* TO ROSA'S DARK FEATURES--

--UNTIL HE IS ROSA NO LONGER--

--BUT A MAN WITH A *DEAD MAN'S FACE*!

ACH, *CORPORAL*! *FRAULEIN VON STASSEN* AND I WERE WONDERING WHAT WAS KEEPING YOU.

FORGIVE ME, HERR BARON. I WAS UNAVOIDABLY, ER... *DETAINED*.

THEN COME ALONG, CORPORAL. WE HAVE MUCH *WORK* TO DO ON THE CHANCELLOR'S INFORMATION!

JAWOHL, HERR BARON.

IT SEEMS MY *NEW* PERSONALITY IS THE BARON'S *AIDE*! ALL THE BETTER TO KEEP AN *EYE* ON MY *PREY*, OUI?

PERHAPS I CAN DISCOVER THE *SOURCE* OF THE FRENCHMAN'S *SECURITY BREECH* BEFORE I AM *FORCED* TO CARRY OUT MY MISSION--

--AND I AM *SURE* M. BLEU WOULD SHOW HIS *APPRECIATION* ... PREFERABLY IN *FRANCS*!

HEINRICH!

HEINRICH! DO NOT *IGNORE* ME LIKE THIS!

FRAULEIN VON STASSEN?

SHH! DO NOT LET THE BARON *HEAR* YOU, MY LOVE!

SACRE BLEU!

WHY ARE YOU SO *COLD* TO ME, MY DEAREST? YOU KNOW THE BARON WOULD KILL US *BOTH* IF HE KNEW... WE MUST STAY *TOGETHER!*

OH... JA, MINE DEAR... JA.

HEINRICH... *PLEASE...*

I... ACH DU LIEBER! T- T- THAT *SCAR...!?*

YOU ARE NOT HEINRICH!

BLOODY HELL!

WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO HEINRICH? WHO ARE YOU?

HE IS *OBVIOUSLY* A *SPY*, FRAULEIN-- PERHAPS ONE OF THE FRENCH *PIGS*, MEIN HERR?

A SPY *PERHAPS*, SEÑOR BARON-- BUT I AM *NO* FRENCHMAN, AND I AM *NO* PIG--

--PIG!

LET US SEE HOW YOU FIGHT *WITHOUT* A WOMAN BETWEEN US!

I NEED NO *SHIELD*, MEIN HERR!

IN *THAT* CASE, MY GOOD MAN--

--EN GARDE!

--ALL THE MORE PITY THIS *BATTLE* WILL NEVER TAKE PLACE.

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LADY CRIMEFIGHTER IMPERILS MAN OF STEEL'S IDENTITY!

(METROPOLIS)—Can you believe *Clark Kent* performing super-stunts in public? *Clark Kent* bawling out his boss, Perry White? After all these years of creating a meek, mild-mannered personality for his alter ego, why is *Superman* suddenly endangering his secret identity?

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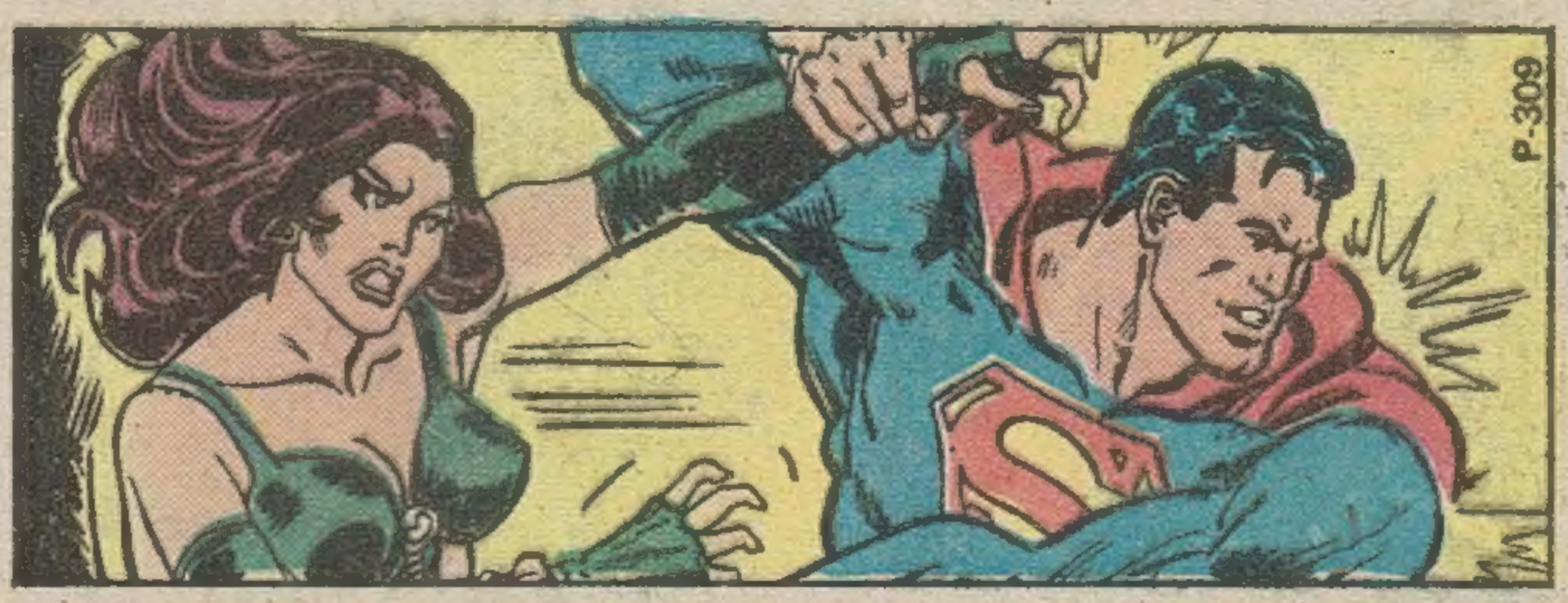

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SUPERBOY & THE LEGION #252—If you think things will calm down for the *Legion* now that they've saved the universe, read "Postscript to Holocaust" by Gerry Conway, Joe Staton and Dave Hunt.

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Q: Who is the strongest character in comics?—James Brackett. *A*: In any fight, my money's on *Superman*!

Q: Can *Green Lantern* travel faster than *The Flash*?—The Crash. *A*: Possibly, if his will-power is strong enough to power ring the speed.

Q: Will you ever revive *ISIS*?—D. King. *A*: Probably not.

Q: How old is Clark Kent?—John Medlock. *A*: Under 30.

Q: When did *Firebrand* first appear in *FREEDOM FIGHTERS*?—Tim Jenkins. *A*: In #11.

Q: Will *The Demon* ever get his own book again?—Mark Paniccia. *A*: Not in the near future, though he is appearing in *DETECTIVE COMICS*.

Q: If we send a question to you, how will we know what comic it appears in?—James Wilkins. *A*: You'll just have to keep looking for it.

Q: Why doesn't *DETECTIVE* #452 have a Comics Code seal on it?—Rick Moyer. *A*: Because we forgot to put it on and nobody spotted the mistake till it was too late.

Q: Any plans for *Tyroc* in upcoming *SUPERBOY/LEGION* issues?—Scott Delfrate. *A*: That's up to *Legion*-editor Jack Harris and writer Gerry Conway.

Q: If *The Joker* died in *'TEC* #476, how'd he come back so fast in *BRAVE & BOLD* #141?—J.B. Matherne. *A*: He obviously didn't like being dead!

Q: How come *Superman's* hair is always the same length?—Keith Power. *A*: It doesn't grow on Earth.

Q: Will *Phantom Stranger* appear anywhere soon?—Dan Christensen. *A*: He most recently appeared in *BRAVE & BOLD*.

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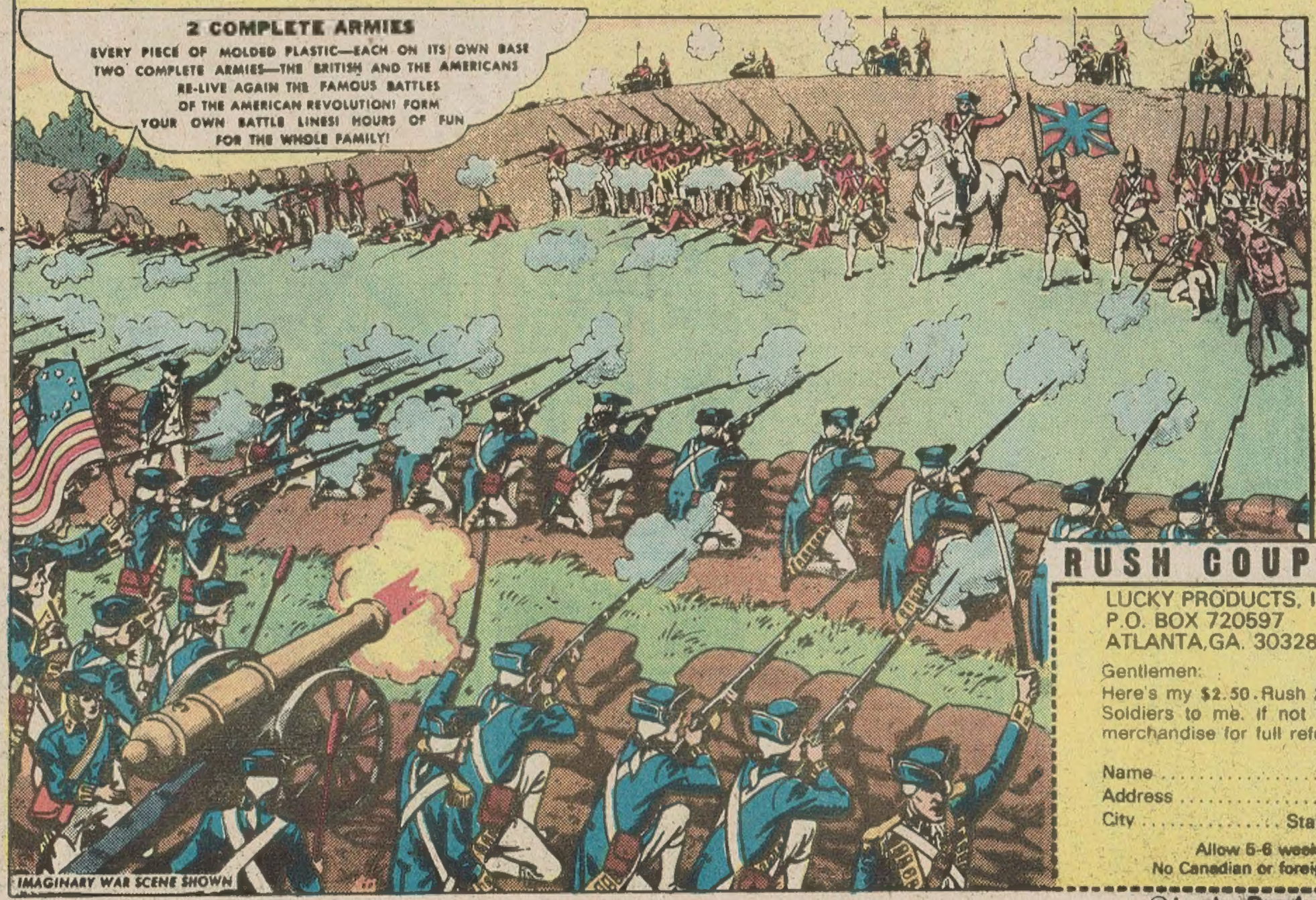

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